

# **Commission Meeting Agenda**

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# FCC Announces Agenda for Public Hearing on Media Ownership in Nashville, Tennessee

(NOTE: The information included in the previously released meeting agenda is supplemented in this notice.)

The Federal Communications Commission today announced further details of its previously announced Nashville field hearing regarding media ownership (*see* announcements dated November 14, December 1 and December 5).

As previously announced, the hearing date, time, and location are as follows:

Date: Monday, December 11, 2006

Time: 1:00p.m. CST

**Location:** Belmont University

**Massey Performing Arts Center** 

Massey Concert Hall 1900 Belmont Blvd Nashville, TN

Link to Massey Performing Arts Center:

http://www.belmont.edu/music about/facilities/concert hall massey.html

Link to Belmont Campus Map and Directions:

http://www.belmont.edu/campusmap/

The purpose of the hearing is to fully involve the public in the process of the 2006 Quadrennial Broadcast Media Ownership Review that the Commission is currently conducting. This hearing is the second in a series of media ownership hearings the Commission intends to hold across the country.

The hearing is open to the public, and seating will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. The hearing format will enable members of the public to participate via "open microphone."

There will be two panels, each followed by a period for public comment. The first panel will examine issues affecting the music recording industry. The second panel will provide an overview of the Nashville market and issues affecting broadcasters and independent programmers.

### Agenda and list of witnesses follows: (All Times CST)

#### 1:00 p.m. Welcome/Opening Remarks

#### 1:30 p.m. Panel Discussion – Issues Affecting the Music Recording Industry

Big and Rich (Big Kenny and John Rich), Recording Artists/Songwriters; Members, Recording Artist's Coalition

Harold Bradley, International Vice-President of American Federation of Musicians; Country Music Hall of Fame inductee

Rick Carnes, Songwriter; President of the Songwriters Guild of America

Luke M. Froeb, William C. and Margaret W. Oehmig Associate Professor in Entrepreneurship and Free Enterprise, Owen Graduate School of Management, Vanderbilt University

Dobie Gray, International Recording Artist/Songwriter; member, American Federation of Television and Radio Artists (AFTRA)

George Jones, Legendary Grammy Award Winning Recording Artist; Country Music Hall of Fame inductee, AFTRA member

Naomi Judd, Grammy Award Winner; Singer, Songwriter, Author, Actor and Activist

Sharon Kay, General Manager, WFSK-Fisk University

Jenny Toomey, Singer/Writer; Executive Director of the Future of Music Coalition

Porter Wagoner, Nashville Recording Artist/Writer; Country Music Hall of Fame inductee; member, Grand Ole Opry; member, AFTRA

Bud Walters, President, Cromwell Radio

Craig Wiseman, Songwriter and Publisher, Big Loud Shirt Industries; Member, AFTRA and Nashville Songwriters Association International (NSAI)

Christopher S. Yoo, Professor of Law and Director, Program on Technology and Entertainment Law, Vanderbilt University Law School

3:00 p.m. Public Comments

**5:00 p.m.** Break

#### 5:20 p.m. Welcoming Remarks

## 5:30 p.m. Panel Discussion – Nashville Market Overview and Issues Affecting Broadcasters and Independent Programmers

Gary W. Cunningham, Publisher and President, GCA Publishing; Member, AFCP; Nashville Community Newspapers

Bob D'Andrea, Founder and President, Christian Television Network

Elden Hale, Senior Vice President, Meredith Broadcasting Group, General Manager, WSMV-TV, Nashville, TN

John Heidelberg, President of Heidelberg Broadcasting and owner of WVOL-AM 1470

Alex Jones, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist, Director of the Joan Shorenstein Center on the Press, Politics and Public Policy at Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government

Gene Kimmelman, Vice President for Federal and International Affairs, Consumer Union

Ellen Leifeld, Publisher and President, The Tennessean

Deborah A. McDermott, President, Young Broadcasting Inc.

Terry Pefanis, Chief Operating Officer, Big Idea, Inc.

Wendell Rawls, Pulitzer Prize-winning investigative reporter and editor

Debbie Turner, President and General Manager, News Channel 5 Network, Nashville, TN

Ginny Welsch, Co-founder and Executive Director of 98.9 WRFN-LPFM Radio Free Nashville

James Wolfe, former radio station and production and radio label executive

#### 7:00 p.m. Public Comments

#### 9:00 p.m. Adjournment

#### The moderator will be Henry Rivera, former FCC Commissioner.

A live audio cast of the hearing will be available at the FCC's website at <a href="www.fcc.gov">www.fcc.gov</a> on a first-come, first-served basis. The public may also file comments or other documents with the Commission and should reference docket number 06-121 when filing by paper or submit your filing electronically by going to <a href="http://gullfoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/upload\_v2.cgi">http://gullfoss2.fcc.gov/prod/ecfs/upload\_v2.cgi</a> and enter proceeding number 06-121. Filing instructions are provided at <a href="http://www.fcc.gov/ownership/comments.html">http://www.fcc.gov/ownership/comments.html</a>

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For additional information about the hearing, please visit the FCC's website at <a href="http://www.fcc.gov/ownership">http://www.fcc.gov/ownership</a>. Press inquiries should be directed to Rebecca Fisher, at 202-418-

2359, or David Fiske, at 202-418-0513. If you are a member of the press and plan to attend the hearing, please contact Rebecca Fisher or David Fiske.